

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, June 2, 1898, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Grand Narrows Hotel. June 2nd, 1898. My darling Mabel:

I have just reached here with my father and Mrs. Bell. They go now to Montreal, Perth, Harrowsmith and other unknown parts. They have had a good time here — and go away with pleasant recollections of Beinn Bhreagh, and Baddeck people.

We gave a Reception to the Ladies Club in return for the Reception given by the Club to Mrs. Bell. Wish you could have been here.

McInnis and Duncan took care of outdoor decorations, Lina and Duncan of indoor, Mr. Bell and Maggie of estables — and McCurdy took care of everybody and everything — so that everything was very nice — “fairy-like” — as my father called it.

My father read a poem to “The Ladies Club of Baddeck” — and another entitled “Farewell to Beinn Bhreagh” — both quite touching.

Mrs. Bell has quite taken Baddeck by storm — every one delighted with her.

She is very kind and good to my father — and both seem quite happy. I think my father did a wise thing in marrying as he did.

I am sure he had enjoyed his stay in Beinn Bhreagh — and has especially enjoyed the verandah and the kittens . The old cat goes home every day to the Red House above stable — and comes back every evening to visit her babies — “bottled up” in a barrel — like Cervera at Santiago.

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Your loving, Alec.